mentation of the recent Supreme Court Judgement has also changed the number of persons in position in Grade III of the Indian Statistical Service inasmuch as in addition to retainng the officers already promoted to Grade III of the service on the basis of selections held between 31-5-74 to 14-12-83, the officers holding ad-hoc appointments were (I) to be appointed on regular basis to Grade IV of the Indian Statistical Service, (II) then given seniority in Grade IV with effect from the date of their ad-hoc appointment and (III) then appointed to Grade III of the service with retrospective effect, if their seniority in Grade IV so assigned, warranted such appointment to Grade III. The implementation of this decision has given rise to a situation in which there are more officers in position in Grade III of the Service than the number of sanctioned cadre posts in this grade and available ex-cadre, deputation/foreign assignment posts can accommodate. This has necessitated creation of supernumerary posts.

The distribution of officers in position in Grade III of the Indian Statistical Service (as on 15th November, 1986) is as follows:—

(i) the number holding purely cadre posts—163

(ii) the number holding ex-cadre posts —26.

(iii) the number of officers on deputation, foreign assignment etc.,—25

(iv) the number holding supernumerary posts created under the Courts directions.—22

Rotational transfers of staff artists in Doordarshan

3036. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy of rotational transfers is not being introduced for staff artists in Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Transfers and postings of staff artists are made to meet specific service needs, requirements of Doordarshan Kendras, to accommodate requests of individuals in bonafide cases, all in public interest for administrative reasons. Rotational transfers are not made as a routine as a measure of economy and for the aforesaid purpose.

Typing test for recruitment of LDCs

3037. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether candidates were called for typing test and interview on the 16th September, 1986 by the Director Survey (AIR), vide his letter No. C2-9287/4-E-2-2 (Clerks) dated the 1st September, 1986 for recruitment to the post of LDC on ad hoc basis;

(b) whether some of the candidates who had crossed 25 years of age on the 16th September, 1986 were disqualified for appearing in the typing test and were asked to go back, if so, what are the reasons for issuing them call letters; and

(c) whether Government have received any representations in this regard, if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. There is no office/officer known as Director Survey (AIR) in the Directorate General, All India Radio.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Disposal of radioactive wastes

3038. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has so far been made by the Indian Scientists regarding the disposal of radioactive wastes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the methods being adopted in other

major nuclear countries for disposal of radio active wastes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Radioactive Waste Management has been studied by BARC for over two decades and very strong capabilities have been generated.

(b) Highly radioactive waste is vitrified and the glass blocks are sealed in stainless steel canisters. A plant for doing this is already operational. Fixing intermediate level waste in polymers and bitumen has also been done. Only a few other countries have this capability and they also use similar methods. An interim storage facility is being set up at Tarapur and possibilities of storage in deep geological formation is under study.

Cutting of the telecast of NAM inaugural ceremony at Harare

3039. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry into cutting of live telecast of the inaugural ceremony of the Non-Aligened Movement from Harare has been made; and

(b) if so, what has been the outcome thereof and the action taken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan could not telecast the inaugural ceremony in full of the Non-Aligned Summit at Harare on 1st September. According to confirmed information the inauguration was to take place at 1.15 p.m. (IST). Doordarshan, therefore, booked the satellite for a duration of virtually two hours to relay the inaugural ceremony live. This was considered adequate in the light of the past experience. The ceremony at Harare started one hour and ten minutes behind the scheduled time and Doordarshan had no prior notice of it. However, as it became apparent that within the time available it would not be possible to relay the entire ceremony efforts were made immediately to extend the satellite time but extra time was not available as the satellite was booked by some other country. As a result the live telecast was terminated as soon as the Satellite time was over. However, the video recording of the remaining part of the inaugural ceremony was telecast at 9.50 p.m. same evening in a special programme entitled News from Harare.

An official enquiry was ordered immediately and the outcome of the enquiry was that Doordarshan was helpless in such a situation

Setting up of a standing Committee on Quality assurance

3040. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Standing Committee for collaboration on quality assurance between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The recommendation to this effect has been made at the CSIR-Industry Get-together on Measurements, Standards, Calibration and Quality Assurance held on 30th September, 1986. The proposal is being examined.